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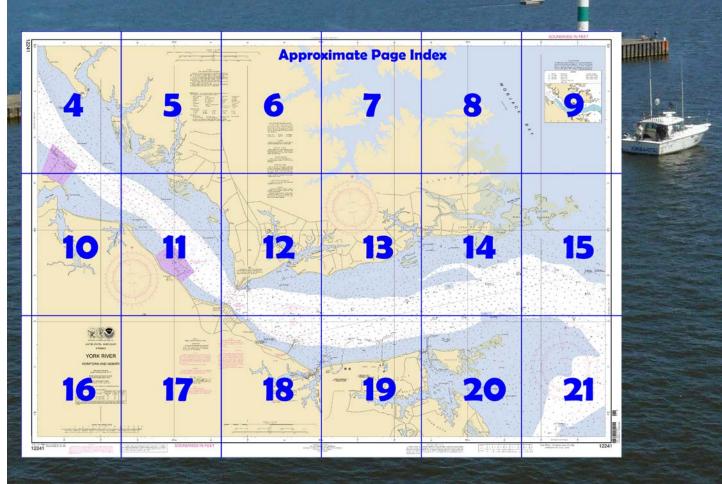
## York River – Yorktown and Vicinity NOAA Chart 12241



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#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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#### **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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#### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

**York River**.—Drafts of vessels using the river are mostly 18 feet or less.

York River has a broad and fairly straight channel, is well marked and easily followed. In 1982, the controlling depth in the dredged sections of the river was 18 feet to West Point. Vessels can anchor in the wider parts of York River channel aside from the naval areas described later.

The currents in York River follow the general direction of the channel except in the

narrowest parts where there is a tendency to set a vessel onto the shoals. The velocity varies throughout the river.

Caution.-Ships and craft in York River are to proceed at reduced speed

and exercise extreme caution in order to reduce water motion and to prevent damage to the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory equipment and facilities located downstream from the Coleman Memorial Bridge. In no instance should the **speed** of ships underway upriver from the Tue Marshes Light exceed 12 knots.

Supplies are available at Yorktown, West Point.

**York Spit** extends outward along the northeast side of the York River approach channel for 7 miles from Guinea Marshes; the inner half of the spit has depths of 1 to 6 feet, and the outer half 10 to 20 feet.

**York Spit Light** (37°12.6'N., 76°15.3' W.), 30 feet above the water, is shown from a pile with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark, in depths of 11 feet near the outer end of the spit.

1.5 miles northwest of York Spit Light, a buoyed lane extends northeastward through the fishtraps. The lane has depths of 15 feet or more and can be used by vessels approaching York River from northward.

The swash channel through York Spit about 5 miles northwest of York Spit Light has a controlling depth of 7 feet; it is marked by a light and daybeacons. The channel shows up well on a bright day.

**Tue Marshes Light** (37°14.1'N., 76° 23.2'W.), 41 feet above the water, is shown from a pile with a green and white diamond-shaped daymark, in depths of 4 feet 0.3 mile north of Tue Point.

**Perrin River** has depths of 6 feet or more in the approach and through a narrow marked channel to the wharf at **Perrin**. A marina on the east side has gasoline, diesel fuel, some supplies. Gasoline and diesel fuel can be obtained at several of the oysterhouse wharves, on the east side of the river entrance; depths of 4 to 7 feet are alongside the wharves.

Caution.—Ships and craft underway in York River are to proceed at reduced speed and exercise extreme caution in order to reduce generated water motion and to prevent damage to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science equipment and facilities located downstream from the Coleman Memorial Bridge, near Gloucester Point, ships and craft loading volatile fuels at the Giant Industries refinery pier, and other craft and property close to the shores of the river. In no instance should the speed of ships underway upriver from the Tue Marshes Light exceed 12 knots.

**Pilotage, York River.**—Pilotage on the York River is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade. A **naval explosives handling berth** is northward of the Coast Guard pier. (See **334.260**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) In May 2002, an obstruction was within the naval explosives handling berth 1150 yards northward of the Coast Guard T-pier in about 37º14'09"N., 76º38'36"W. The **Yorktown Naval Weapons Station** piers on the southwest side of York River, 8 miles above the mouth, have depths of about 36 to 39 feet at their outer ends. A **prohibited area** and a **restricted area** for mine service testing are off the piers. (See **334.260**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.) A **naval anchorage** begins off the Naval Weapons Station piers and extends upriver about 4 miles. (See **110.166**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

The Naval Supply Center piers at Cheatham Annex Depot, on the southwest side of York River 11.5 miles above the mouth, have reported depths of 22 feet at the southeasterly T-pier, and 20 feet alongside the inside face and 21.5 feet alongside the outside face of the northwesterly L-pier; greater depths are close off the outside faces of both piers. The piers are within a naval restricted area. (See 334.270, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

## U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Norfolk Commander

5th CG District (575) 398-6231

Norfolk, VA

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#### HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:20,000 at Lat. 37°16'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to

#### NOTE D

Numerous private buoys are not charted in Wormley Creek.

#### CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

#### NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Norfolk VA Heathsville, VA

KHR-37 WXM-57 162.55 MHz

#### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to

navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

During some winter months or when endan-gered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

#### NOTE B

Experimental equipment exists at the Virginia nstitute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, which is sensitive to swell damage. Mariners are cautioned to adjust speed accordingly.

#### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

#### RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

#### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which is notificated and in 1980 (NAD 53), which is not already purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.520° northward and 1.180° eastward to agree with this chart.

#### NOTE C

The controlling depth was 5 feet for a width of 30 feet from the channel entrance to the turning basin in West Branch, and 4½ feet in the basin.

#### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone com-munication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

#### WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

### **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S Avalgation regulations are published in Langher 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pub-lished in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commanded 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers i

#### EMERGENCY RESTRICTED AREA

For the latest information regarding the regulations of any emergency restricted area, contact the Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District, Regulatory Branch at (757) 201-7653/7652

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot.</u>

#### CALITION

#### FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck blinds and

Mariners are warried that numerous uncharded duck offinds and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the fish trap areas. Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dredged and natural channels, and to established landings, are prescribed by the Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established in some areas, and those limits are shown thus:

Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of

fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations

TIDAL INFORMATION								
PLAC	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)							
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water					
Tue Marshes Light	(37°14'N/76°23'W)		feet 2.3	feet 0.1				
Yorktown	(37°14'N/76°30'W)	2.7	2.5	0.1				
Penniman Spit	(37°17'N/76°35'W)	2.8	2.6	0.1				
Dashes () located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels,								
tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.								

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.) Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

R TR radio tower Rot rotating s seconds AERO aeronautical G green Mo morse code IQ interrupted quick Iso isophase LT HO lighthouse Al alternating B black Bn beacon N nun OBSC obscured Oc occulting SEC sector Or orange Q quick R red Ra Ref radar reflector C can M nautical mile St M statute miles DIA diaphone VQ very quick W white WHIS whistle m minutes F fixed FI flashing Mkr marker R Bn radiobeacon Y yellow Bottom characteristics: gy gray h hard M mud Co coral Blds boulders Oys oysters Rk rock G gravel Grs grass bk broken Cy clay

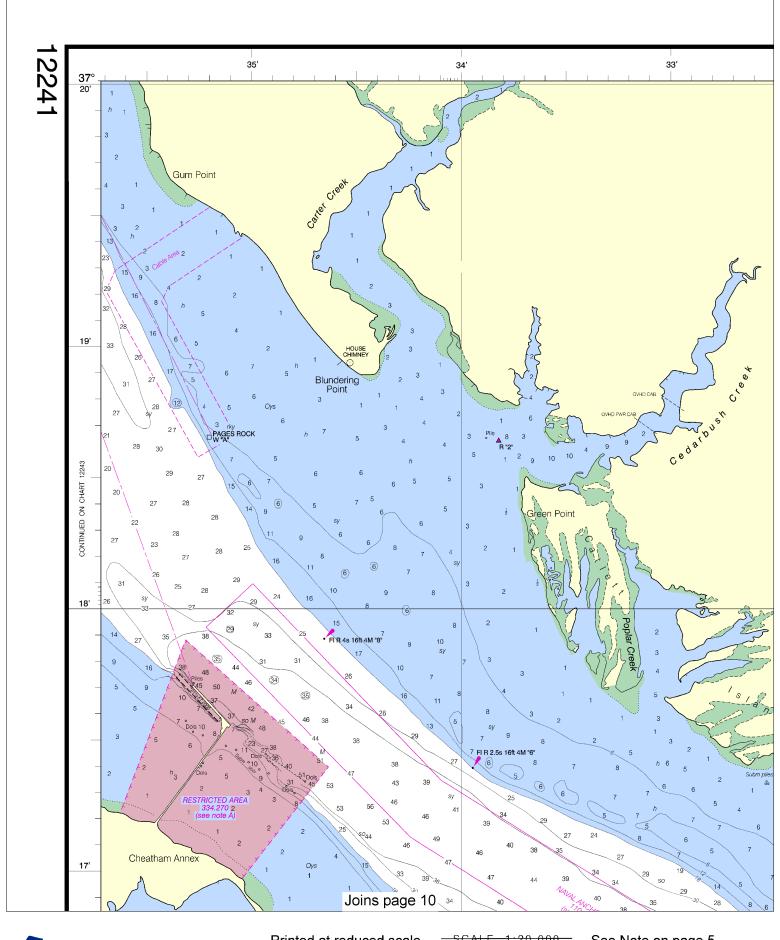
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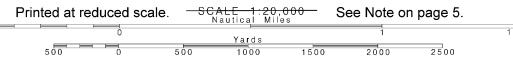
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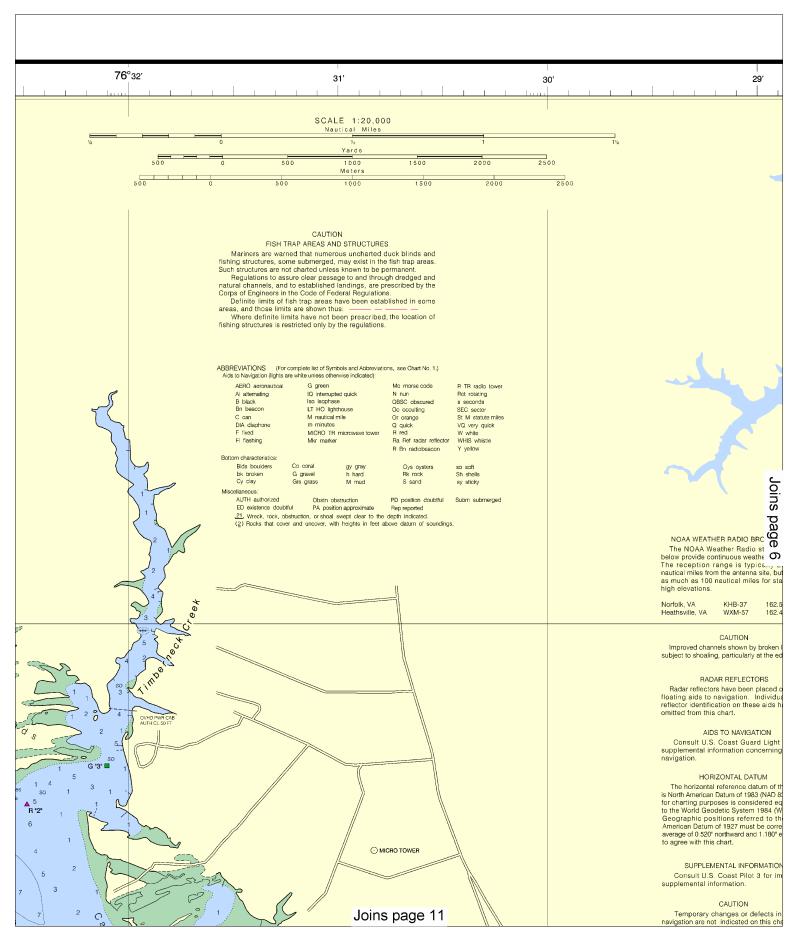
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.21. Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.

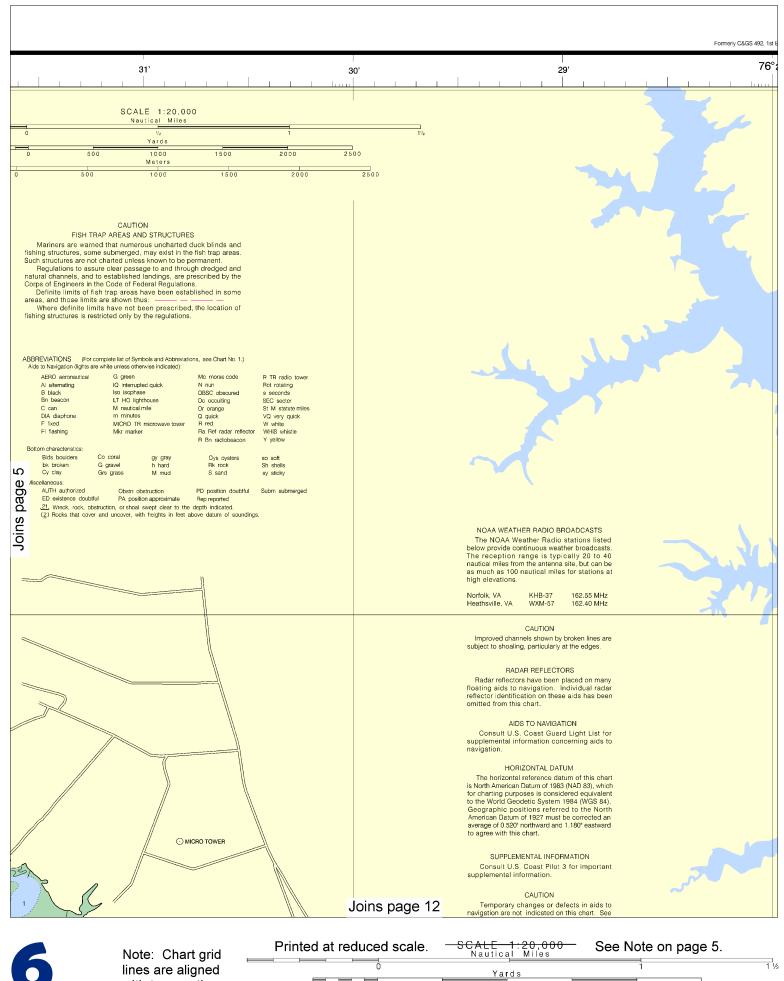






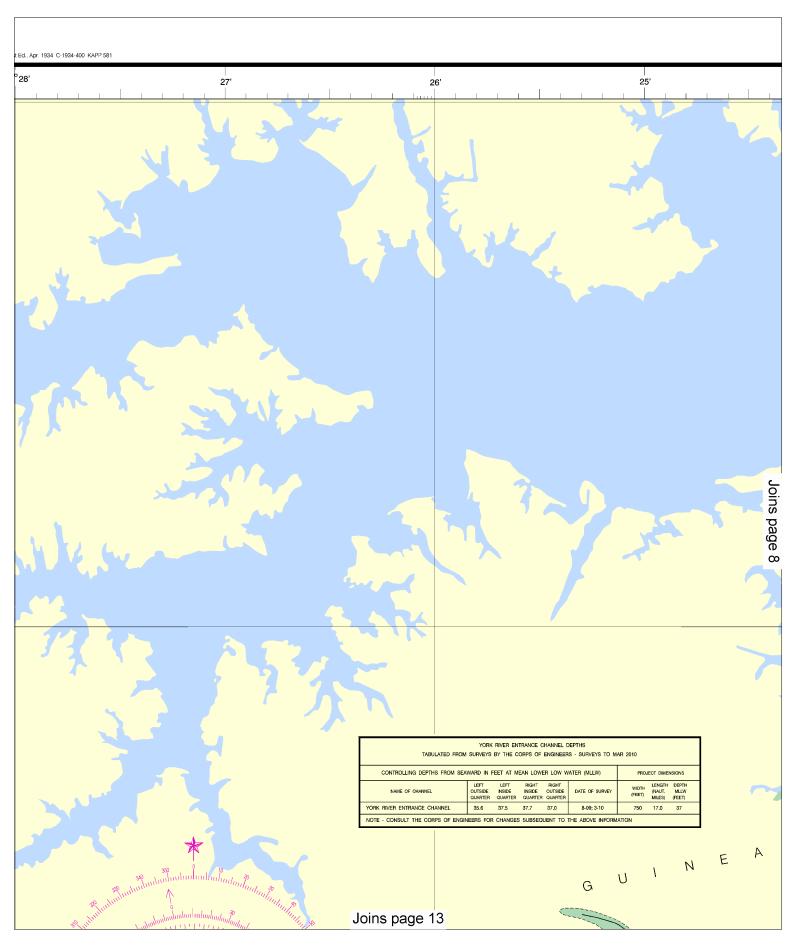
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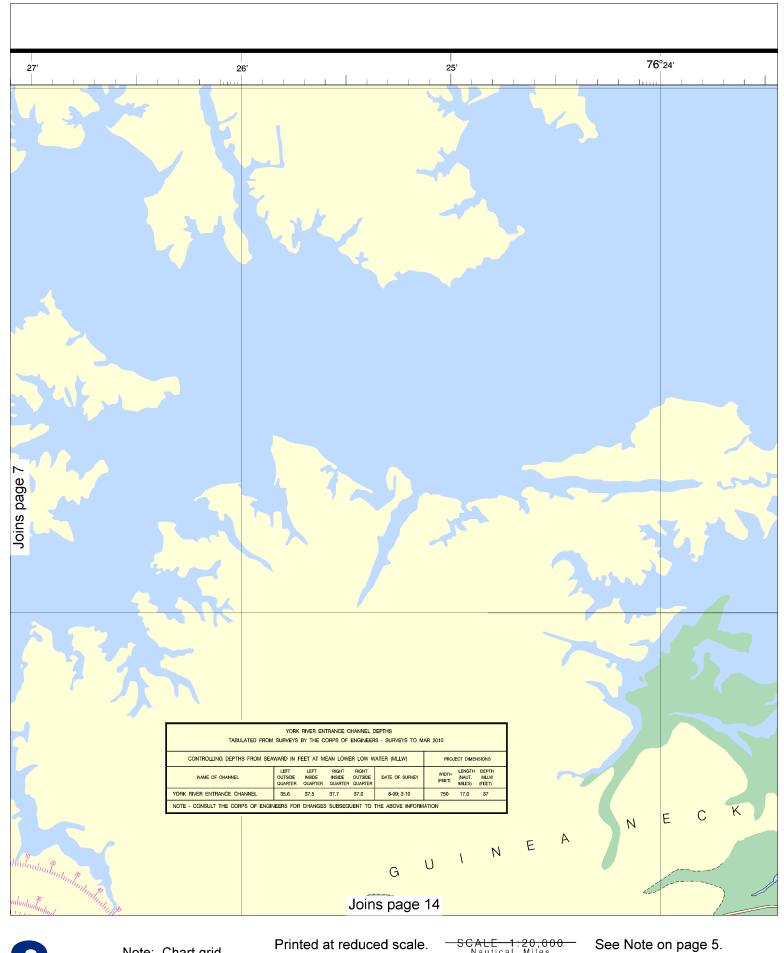




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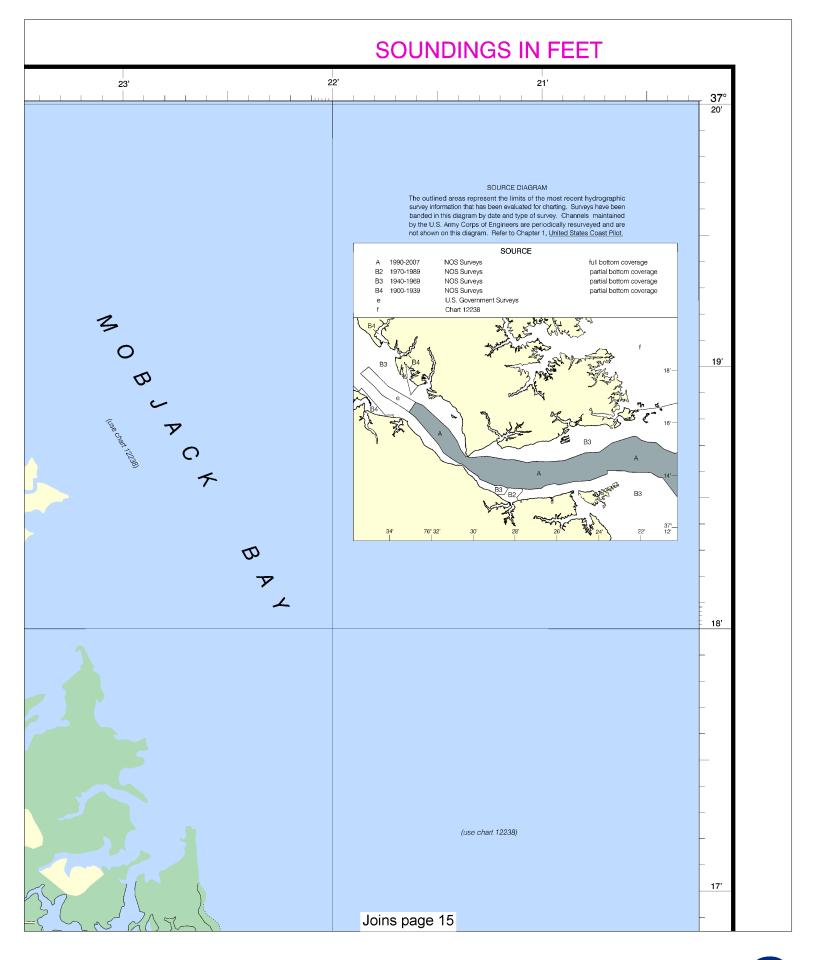


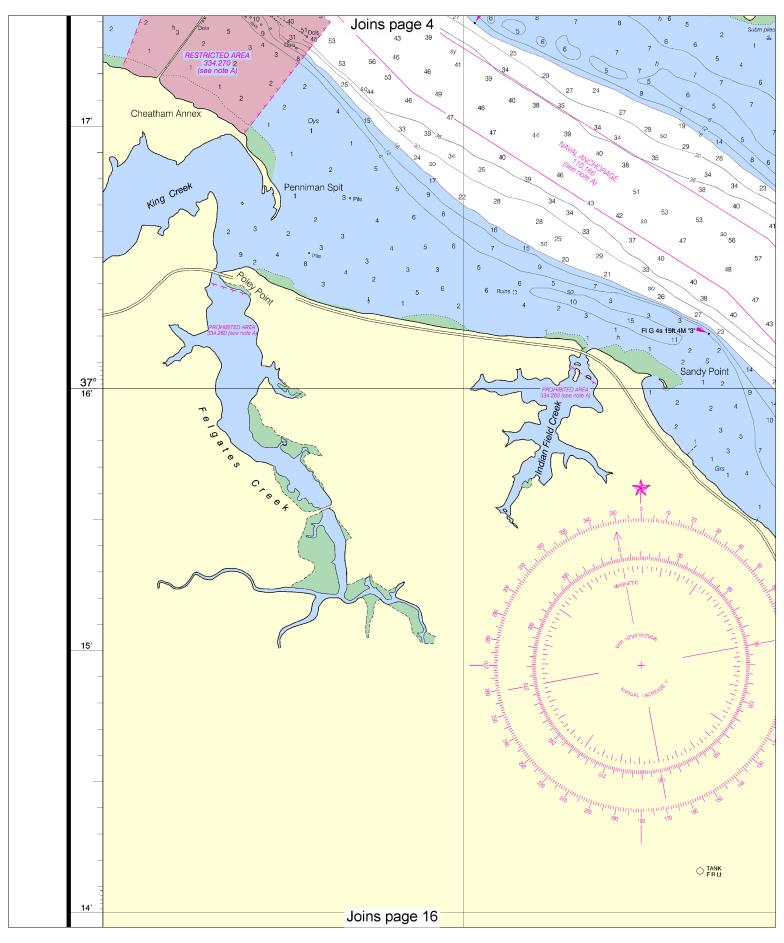


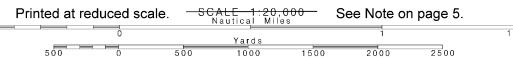


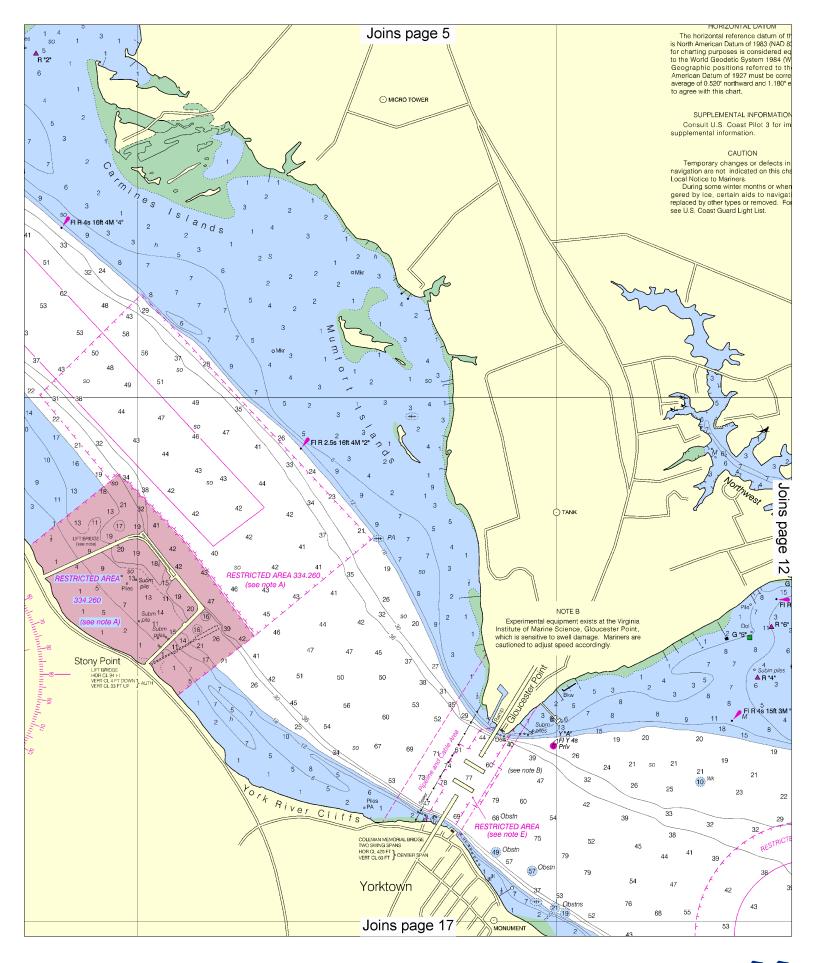


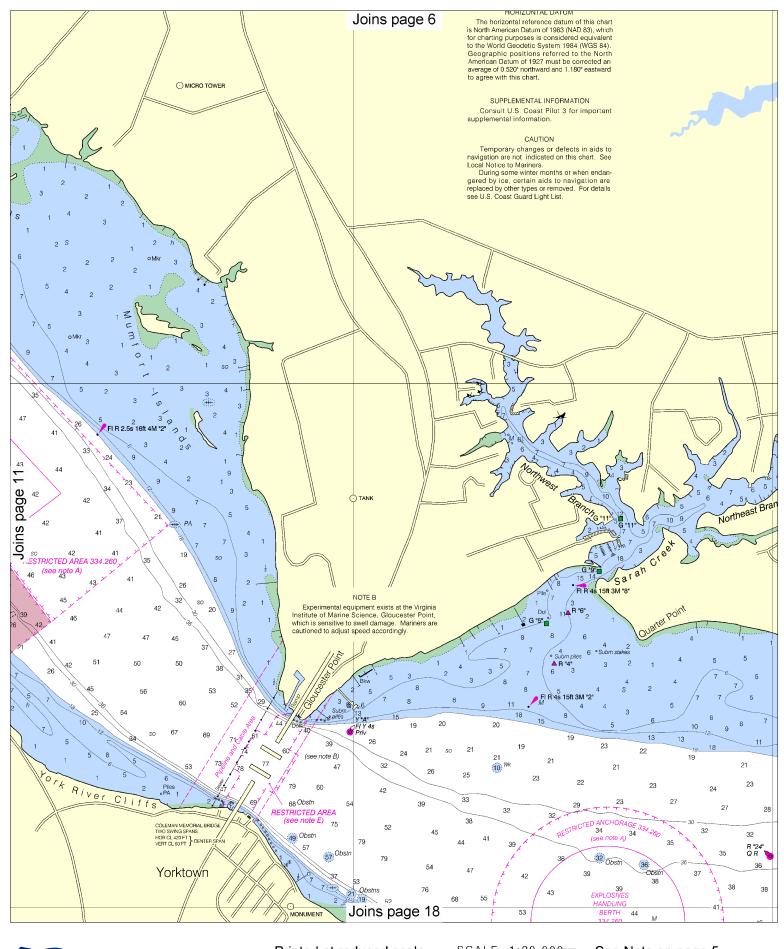


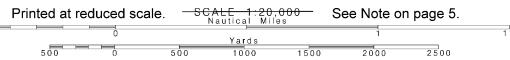


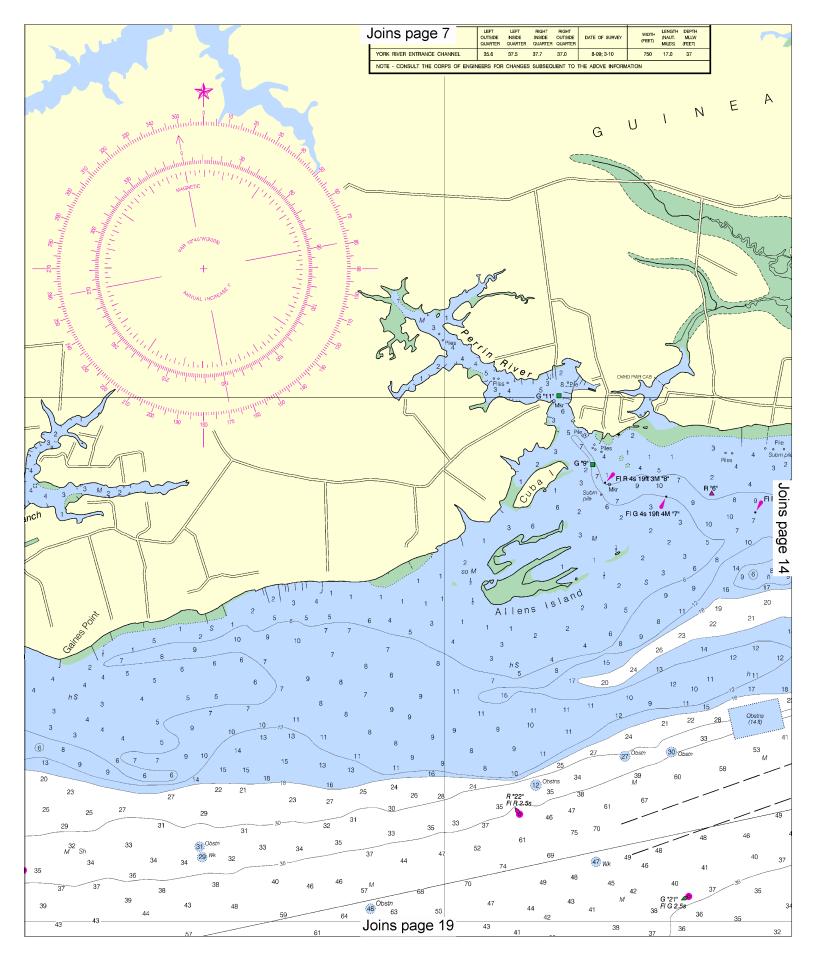


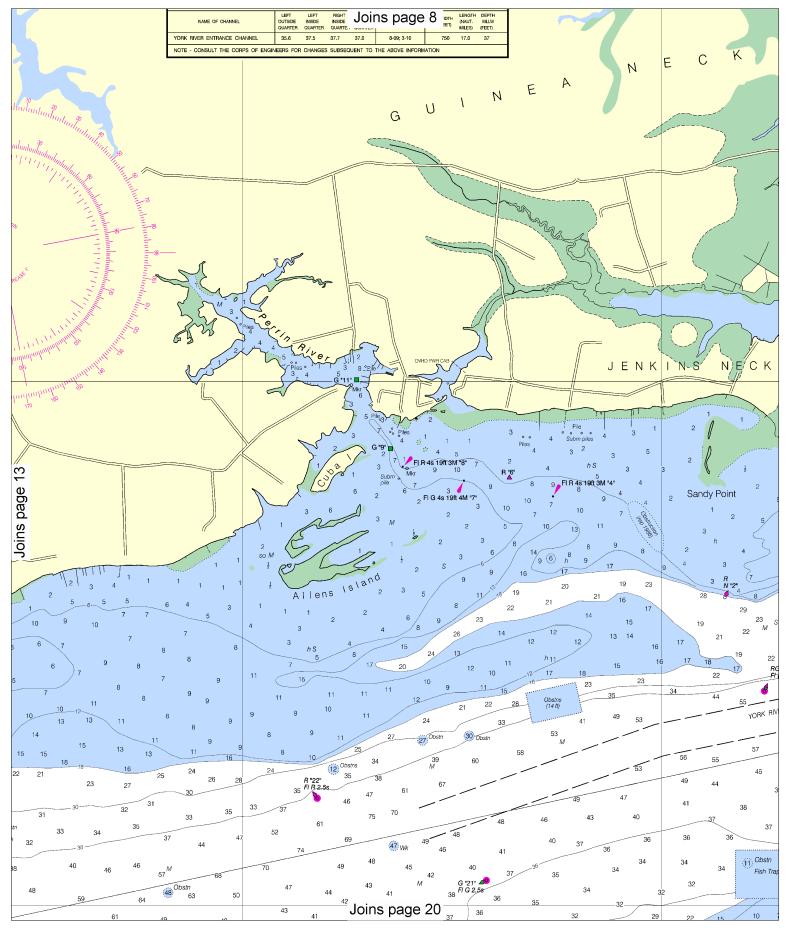


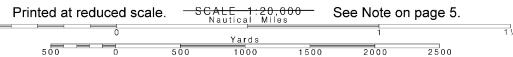


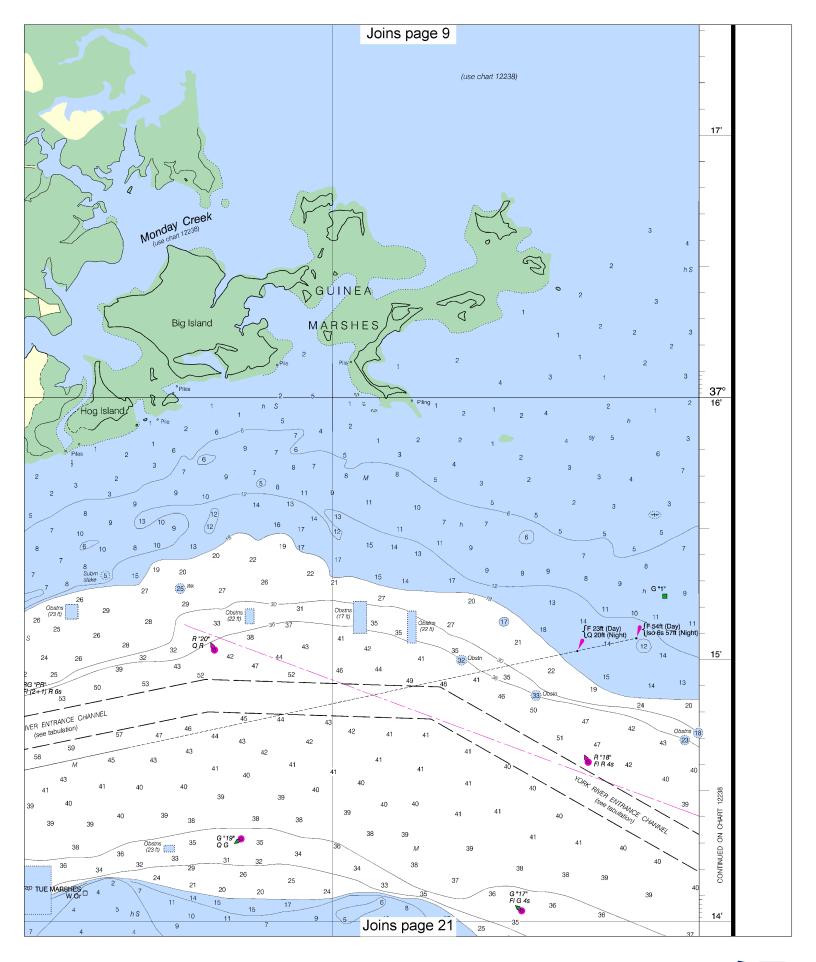


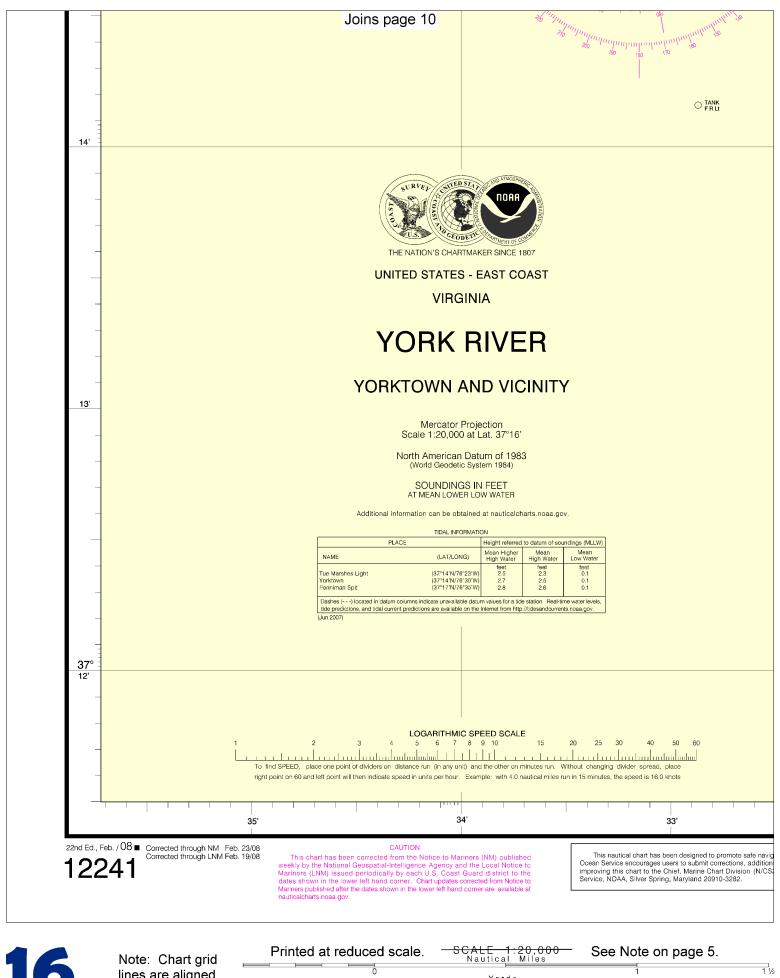






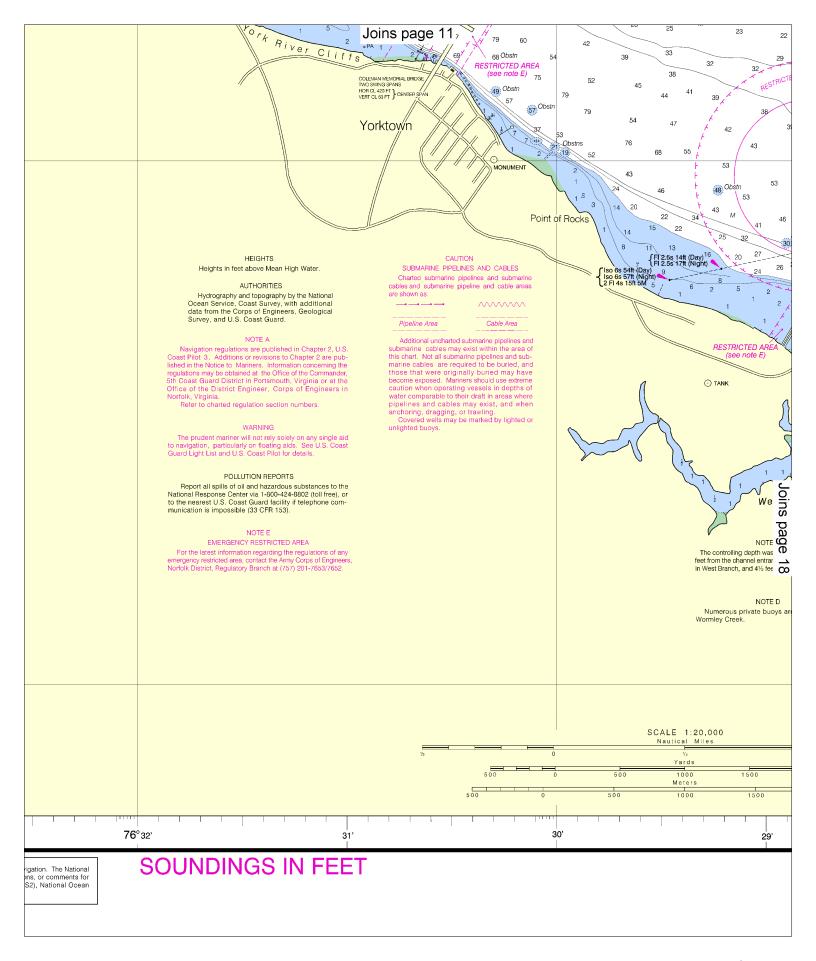


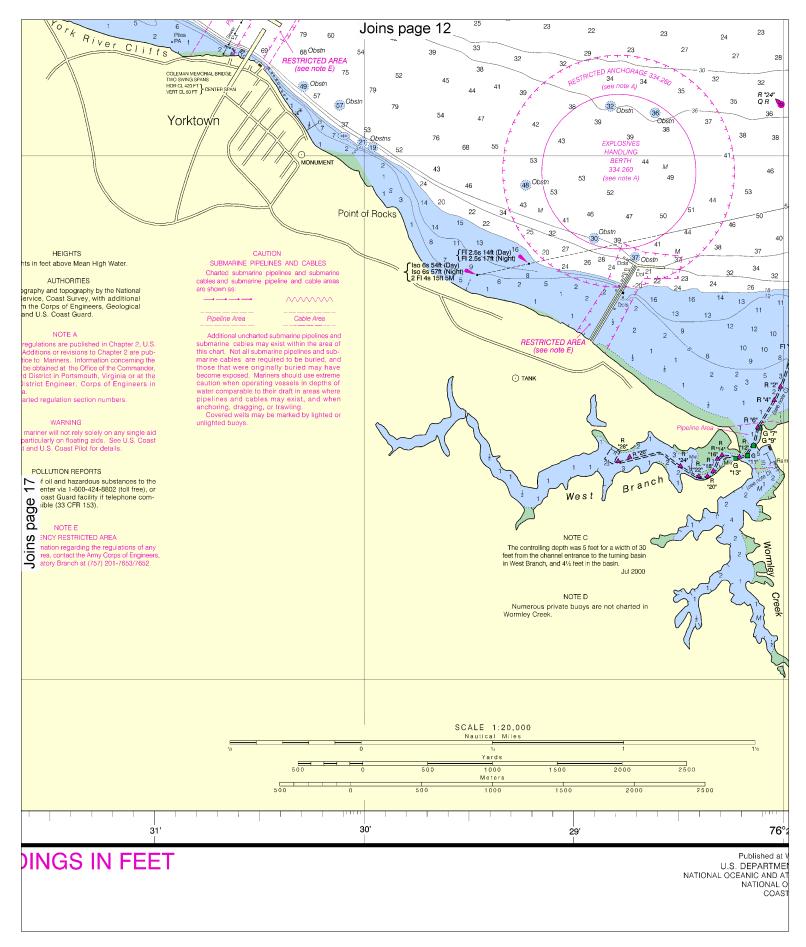


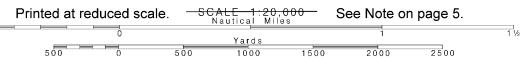


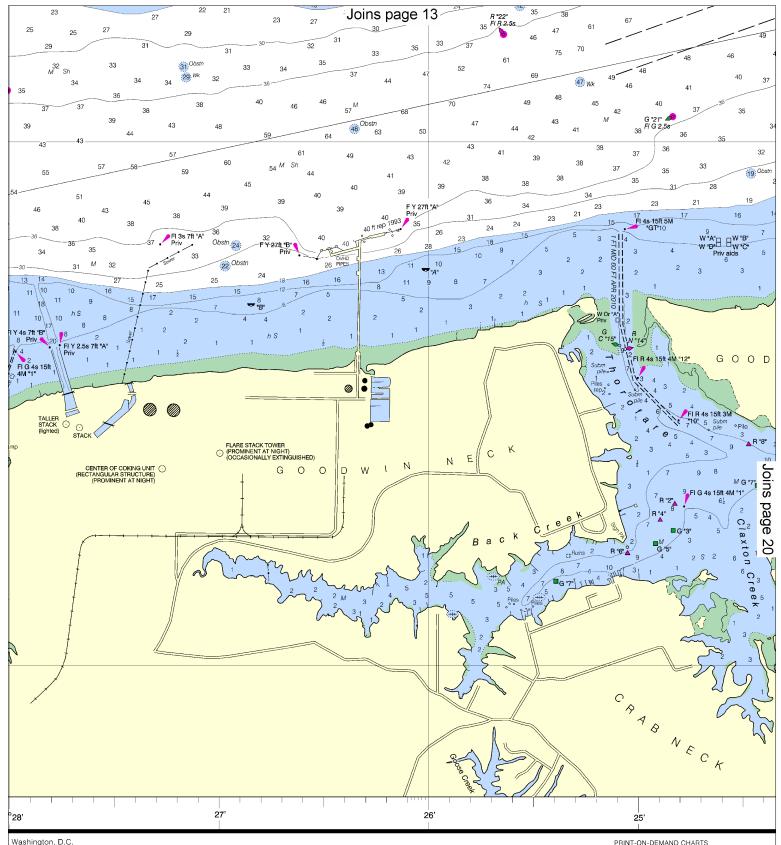
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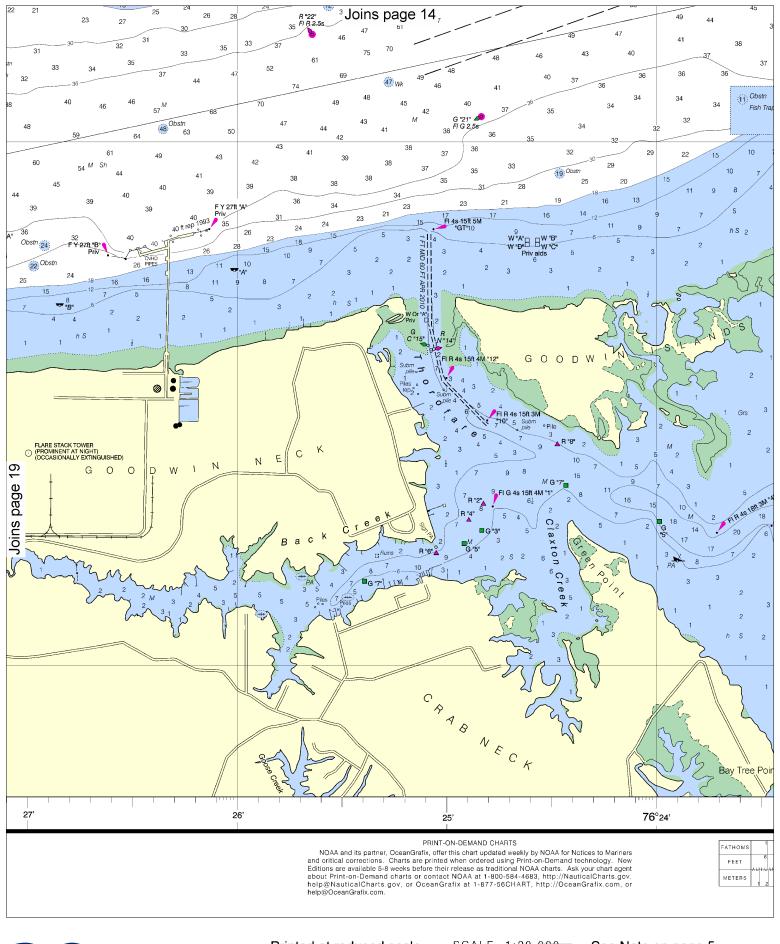




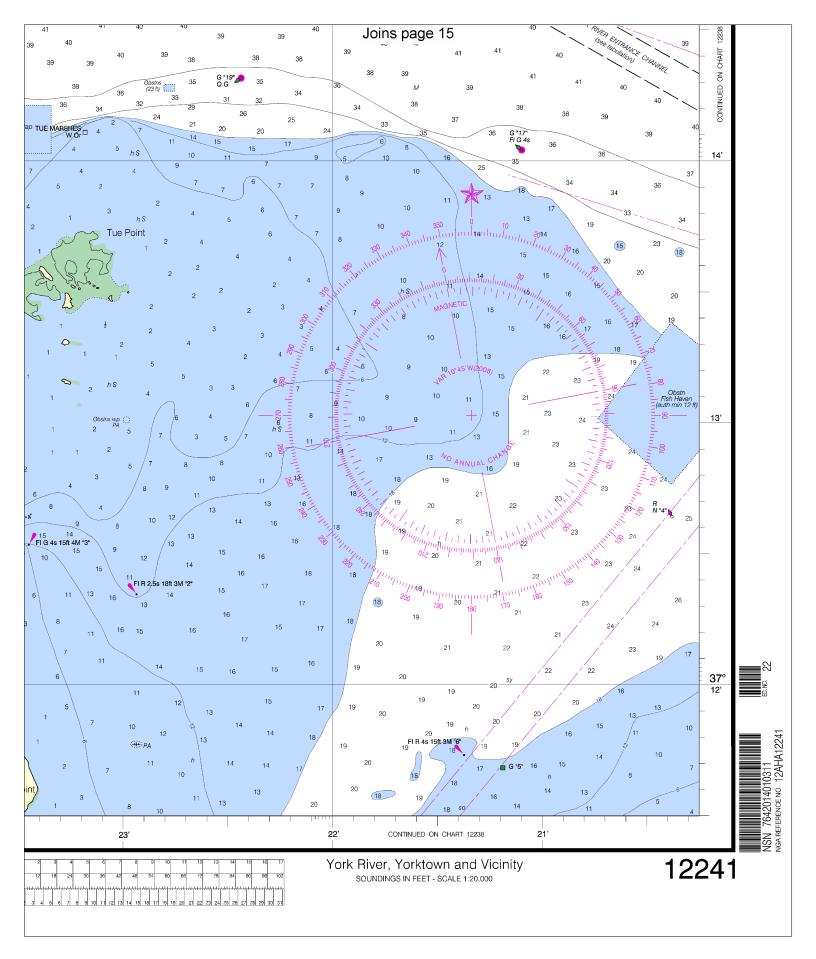
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#### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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